

# SCHOOL’S BACK – REMEMBER THESE SAFETY TIPS

**Two-lane roadway:** When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop.

**Divided highway of four lanes or more with a median separation:** When school bus stops for passengers, only traffic following the bus must stop.

**Two-lane roadway with a center turning lane:** When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop.

**Roadway of four lanes or more with a center turning lane:** When school bus stops for passengers, only traffic following the bus must stop.

**Four-lane roadway without a median separation:** When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop.

As students return to school this month, the Kannapolis Police Department would like to remind motorists to be mindful of children and school buses.

Drivers should familiarize themselves with the N.C. School Bus Stop Law. The infographic above shows when you should stop for a school bus. If you are

driving on a two-lane roadway, a two-lane roadway with a center turning lane or a four-lane roadway with no median, you must stop – regardless of what side of the road you are on. If you are driving on a four-lane road with a median or center turning lane, only the traffic following the bus must stop.

The consequences for passing a stopped school bus are serious. If you are caught passing a stopped school bus, you will face a \$500 fine and a five-point penalty on your driver’s license. The consequences are more severe if a pedestrian is hit.

As always, drivers should yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and obey all speed limits. Avoid distractions and slow down near bus stops, schools and playgrounds. Before you make a turn, look both ways to make sure the path is clear.

Students and parents should also remember to cross in crosswalks, look both ways before crossing the street and obey any traffic guards or lights. Be alert and avoid distractions like cellphones. Always walk on the sidewalk but, if there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from the road as possible.

For more information on back-to-school and bus safety, please visit [WatchforMeNC.org](http://WatchforMeNC.org).

AUGUST 2021



## KANNAPOLIS POLICE NOW USING ELECTRIC BICYCLES

You may have seen Kannapolis police officers riding bicycles in the downtown area. If you take a second look, you will notice they are riding electric bicycles. Since 2019, when West Avenue and Atrium Health Ballpark opened, police officers have been walking and riding bicycles daily as new businesses and residents moved into downtown. Officers also utilize the bicycles during special events.



Recently, the department added electric bicycles for officers to use. The bicycles are able to go 30 mph and allow officers the option of self-propelling or taking breaks from pedaling during their 12-hour shifts.

“We want to be out of our vehicles walking and cycling around our City. The electric bicycles allow us to be environmentally friendly and people friendly. It is easier for us to stop and have conversations and chat with the public when we are walking or cycling,”

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### AUGUST





- 7** **Concert & Fireworks in the Park: Jo Dee Messina** | 7 p.m. Village Park
- 12** **Thursdays on Main: The Embers** | 6 p.m. Veterans Park
- 13** **Movies in the Park: Avengers Endgame** | 8:45 p.m. Village Park
- 14** **Kannapolis Cruise-In** | 11 a.m. N.C. Research Campus Horseshoe
- 21** **Kannapolis Family Field Day** 10 a.m. | N.C. Research Campus Horseshoe

### SEPTEMBER

- 6** **Labor Day – City Offices Closed** Garbage and recycling on a regular schedule
- 6** **Splash Pad and Carousel Closes**
- 11** **Kannapolis Cruise-In** | 11 a.m. N.C. Research Campus Horseshoe
- 30** **Farmers Market Closes**

Veterans Park: 119 North Main St.  
Village Park: 700 West C St.  
  
Admission is free.  
Concessions and food trucks available at concerts and movies. More at [kannapolisnc.gov](http://kannapolisnc.gov).

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said Kannapolis Police Captain Brent Rowland.

While on their bicycles, officers are able to travel and maneuver to various areas around the City. The department now has 16 officers who have completed training to be certified to use the bicycles.

## THURSDAYS ARE MARKET DAYS

The Kannapolis Farmers Market is open every Thursday, 4-7 p.m., at the corner of Vance Avenue and Dale Earnhardt Boulevard. The market continues through September.

Sign up for text message reminders and updates about the farmers market and specials that vendors may be offering. Text MARKET to 855-969-4358. This is a new number so if you subscribed before, you will need to sign up again. You may unsubscribe at any time.



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“We have always worked to have great relationships with residents in our City. This gives us another avenue to improve our accessibility to people. We hope that everyone will stop and get to know our officers when you see them out walking and cycling,” said Kannapolis Police Chief Terry Spry.



## RESIDENTS HELP POLICE SAVE PERSON

Aristotle Sutton and John Turner were recently recognized by the Kannapolis Police Department for their quick actions to help two police officers – Donald Newton and Glenn Tingen – at an accident scene.

Last November, John Turner saw an automobile crash on Rogers Lake Road. The car ended up on its side against a tree. He stopped and called 911 and stayed with the victim until police officers arrived on the scene. He kept the driver calm, as she was trapped in the vehicle, and called family members for the victim. Aristotle Sutton also saw the crash and stopped to assist as police officers arrived. He helped officers provide support to the victim so she was not fully suspended in the air by her seatbelt until firefighters arrived to free her from the car.

Both Officers Newton and Tingen were also recognized with commendations for their actions that night in reacting to the situation and rendering first-aid and support to the victim until she could be freed from the vehicle.

## KANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL APPROVES FY 2022 BUDGET

The Kannapolis City Council has approved the Fiscal Year 2022 budget. The approved budget is \$85,250,848 and includes all six operating funds of the City.

The budget includes no property tax increase. However, there is a \$2.50 per month environmental fee increase. The increase in environmental fee is due to the continued increase in the cost of collecting and disposing of garbage, electronic, bulky waste, yard waste and recycling items.



The new total environmental monthly fee will be \$18.10 per household. Currently, the City spends approximately \$20.54 a month per household to offer these services. The remaining difference in the cost of providing these services (\$2.44) will

be paid using monies from the property tax revenues residents pay annually.

The current tax rate will remain at .63 cents per \$100 valuation, so a home valued at \$200,000 will pay \$1,260 annually in property taxes for all City services. The majority of the City’s revenues come from two sources – property taxes (58% of the budget) and sales taxes (20% of the budget).

## NEED HELP PAYING YOUR RENT/UTILITY BILL?

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program secures housing for local renters experiencing COVID-19 based hardships.

The U.S. Department of Treasury awarded Cabarrus County Government more than \$6.5 million to help local households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding

is available through the \$25-billion Emergency Rental Assistance program (ERAP) established by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.

For eligible households, the County can pay overdue rent and utilities (electricity, gas, water and sewer, trash removal and energy costs) that are not covered within

rent dating back to March 13, 2020, and through the remainder of the year or until funding runs out.

Residents can apply online at [erap.cabarruscounty.us](http://erap.cabarruscounty.us) using any Internet-connected personal computer, tablet or smartphone. Paper applications are also available at County offices.

## YOUTH COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS



The 2021-2022 Kannapolis Youth Council has elected its Executive Board. Congratulations to the newly elected officers! Shriya Agarwal, Secretary; Marin Powell, Vice-Chair; Destiny Davis, Event Coordinator; Brock Morgan, Co-Chair; Ally Zendejas, Historian/Photographer; Allison Gordon, Co-Chair; Samantha Holman, Finance Coordinator; Courtney Graham, Marketing and Communications Coordinator.

